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SUBJECT: MINTOFF EXPELS BRITISH AND ITALIAN DIPLOMATS -  
THE GERMAN CONNECTION

REF: VALLETTA 1336

1. CHARGE DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH WEST  
GERMAN FIRST SECRETARY, KARL-HEINZWITTEK, ON NOVEMBER 17  
(IN THE ABSENCE OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR HORST HAUTHAL, WHO  
IS IN BONN FOR CONSULTATIONS SUPPOSEDLY NOT RELATED TO  
THIS SUBJECT). WITTEK ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS  
BE PROTECTED.

2. WITTEK STATED HE HAD NOT KNOWN THAT SCALICI AND  
WYATT HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE MALTA BY MINTOFF, OR EVEN  
THAT WYATT HAD DEPARTED. (COMMENT: AS YET, THERE HAS  
NOT BEEN ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HERE OF WYATT'S DEPARTURE.  
THERE WAS A BRIEF STORY IN THE PRESS ON  
NOVEMBER 17 THAT SCALICI HAD DEPARTED "FOR ANOTHER  
POSTING AS CONSUL IN RIO DE JANIERO." END COMMENT).

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3. CHARGE ASKED WITTEK IF HE HAD EVER RECEIVED A

WARNING ABOUT HIS CONDUCT SIMILAR TO THAT ISSUED TO SCALICI AND WYATT. WITTEK RESPONDED THAT, IN VIEW OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIS TWO COLLEAGUES, ON REFLECTION HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN WARNED, BUT IN A RATHER DIFFERENT WAY, AND AT A MUCH EARLIER DATE.

4. WITTEK STATED THAT DURING THE VISIT TO MALTA IN APRIL 1976 OF FORMER WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT (VALLETTA 0532 AND PREVIOUS), BRANDT HAD MENTIONED THE SUBJECT OF WITTEK'S "CONDUCT" TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAUTHAL. BRANDT TOLD HAUTHAL THAT MINOFF HAD COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT WITTEK'S ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES, SAYING THAT WITTEK APPEARED TO BE OPPOSED TO THE POLICIES OF THE MALTESE LABOR GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, BRANDT SAID MINOFF HAD ADDED THAT THE MATTER WASN'T "TOO SERIOUS", SO THERE REALLY WASN'T ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AS LONG AS WITTEK "BEHAVED HIMSELF" IN THE FUTURE.

5. WITTEK AND HAUTHAL LATER DISCUSSED BRANDT'S REMARKS AND DECIDED TO TAKE NO ACTION EXCEPT FOR WITTEK ADOPTING A CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES. SINCE APRIL NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR NOR WITTEK HAVE HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE SUBJECT. WITTEK ADDED THAT, IN VIEW OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO SCALICI AND WYATT, HE WOULD REPORT THE MATTER TO BONN AND STAND BY TO SEE IF THE MALTESE SWORD WOULD, INDEED, FALL ON HIM NEXT.

6. WITTEK ALREADY IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MALTA WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO, HIS ASSIGNMENT HERE IS ALMOST COMPLETED. WHETHER MINOFF NOW DECIDES TO "EXPEDITE" HIS DEPARTURE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WE HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE GERMAN EMBASSY AS DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT. WE STILL HAVE RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT MINOFF WILL TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST DATT BETTS, OR ANY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER.

7. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO DOD FOR DIA. IT HAS BEEN CORRDINATED WITH CDR BETTS. WIGGINS  
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